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From the desk of Sandra M. Bargiel, ckd
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To Michigan House of Representatives
Commerce Committee

Regarding: **House Bills #'s HB4770, HB4771, and HB4772**

Dear Honorables,

I am offering testimony on behalf of my position as Vice-President of Government Relations of the Northern MI Chapter of the National Kitchen and Bath Association. I am **in support** of the pending CIDR bills in currently in committee. Committee review is on October 10, 2007 at 9AM.

As a Certified Kitchen and Bath Designer, owner of Bay Cabinetry LLC, and holding 15 years experience within the field, it is imperative that Interior Designers gain the certification of their services through proper licensing, and allowed to provide the criteria required to be a licensed interior designer.

Within the field of design professionals, including architects, interior designers, and kitchen and bath designers alike, all professions are highly respectable and of necessity to each other. Not allowing interior designers to be "licensed", while architects are licensed creates a lopsided arena in which those licensed can pursue other design fields, while those not licensed, can be forced to continue to give up portions of their profession. So, it seems to be happening in the arena of architecture and interior design. This is what the CIDR organization is attempting to reverse for the benefit of all.

Where does the Kitchen and Bath Designer fall into this? Can lopsided licensing hurt the kitchen and bath design profession and professional? We must keep our economic climate fair. This is what will keep the competition healthy, not create a monopoly. I ask that you that we not succumb to a possible monopoly within the arena of licensed architects. For the good of myself and my profession, for the good of all. For strong, honest competition. For the good health of Michigan.

Most respectfully submitted.

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